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Reference DE 196 51 308 discloses an Audio-Sound System for a vehicle having a control unit 2, an input unit 3, indicating unit 4, a unit 5 for generating audio data, an amplifier 6, loudspeakers 7 and a bus system for connecting units 2-7.

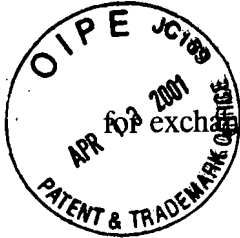
Reference DE 199 14 805 discloses an Audio system including input unit 3, control unit 2, device for reading audio data 5, amplifier 6 and speaker 7 connected by a bus system.

Reference DE 198 53 665 discloses a vehicle communication system and method for exchanging data in a vehicle.

Reference De 44 32 078 discloses an audio/video system having a plurality of components connected via a local network for transferring audio/video and control data.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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